

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR A
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

CONTRACT NO: CW 23029
CAPTION: NEDSS Based System (NBS)
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: SAIC
PROGRAM AGENCY: Department of Health (DOH)

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the District Department of the Health (“District”) is seeking a qualified contractor to enhance an existing disease surveillance system called the NEDSS Based System (NBS). The contractor shall build upon current layers of the NBS system by creating custom pages necessary for gathering, organizing, managing, reporting, and transferring case information among NBS-state public health jurisdictions specifically the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), Maryland, the District of Columbia Department of Health (DC DOH), and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$150,000

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The Center for Policy, Planning and Evaluation is an administration within DC DOH and provides administrative oversight to the Division of Epidemiology-DSI in conducting disease surveillance and investigation of disease outbreaks. One of the systems used to conduct disease specific investigation is the NBS.

In July 2011, DC transitioned from the Washington Area Disease Surveillance System to the NBS. The goal was to improve coordination and integration of surveillance data to identify, track, analyze, and report conditions of special events. NBS is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed and supported disease surveillance system available to states and local health jurisdictions without cost. The system

facilitates electronic data transfer from health care systems and laboratories to public health departments and eventually to the CDC. Modules built into the NBS allow local/state health departments to identify events such as co-morbidities that might occur in the same individual over time. NBS is therefore patient centered.

The CDC, through an existing grant and funding authority, approved SAIC through a competitive bid as the vendor authorized to provide support to the NBS based on Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) compliance and possession of FISMA tested engines. SAIC currently supports the NBS sentinel system. Furthermore, SAIC is the only NBS vendor whose engine platform is FISMA tested, that currently supports all NBS states across the United States. A change of vendor will compromise confidentiality and delay the outcome of the project. SAIC has the requisite knowledge involved in identifying health risks; educating the public; preventing and controlling diseases, injuries and exposure to environmental hazards; promoting effective community collaborations; and optimizing equitable access to community health resources. Therefore based on the above SAIC is the only available source that meets the agency needs as a prospective contractor.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Dr. Saul Levin
Director, Department of Health

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that [no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Priscilla Mack
Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

James D. Staton, Jr.
Chief Procurement Officer

